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MEMORANDUM FOR: CHIEF, TSS/MD

SUBJECT: Rockets for Leaflet Distribution

1. This Division has an interest in some method for distributing leaflets at distances of 1,000 to 3,000 yards from the launching point. At present, we use balloons for long-distance leaflet distribution, and can use the leaflet bomb (MD-28) for local distribution. It is suggested that some adaptation of a fireworks skyrocket be developed for leaflet distribution over the intermediate distance.

2. It is desirable that the payload be comparable to that of the leaflet bomb. Some consideration must be given to the relation between payload and rocket cost. These rockets should be relatively cheap, easy to operate, and preferably constructed entirely of paper and/or cardboard. When the dispersing charge explodes, the rocket itself must be demolished, and there must be no heavy parts which conceivably could fall on and injure any persons in the dispersing area.

3. This memorandum confirms recent conversations between the undersigned and [] of your office. In this connection, EE/CPM has advised me that FE Division is also interested in rockets such as discussed above. At such time as [] is available and you are prepared to discuss this further with me, it is suggested that the FE Division, at least, be invited to participate.

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Chief, EE/TEC

cc: FE Division

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